

1 **METHOD FOR INSTALLING A MAILBOX FILE ASSOCIATED WITH**
2 **A DISK STORAGE MEDIUM**
3 **ABSTRACT**

4 A method is disclosed for installing a mailbox file associated with a disk
5 storage medium of a disk drive. In accordance with exemplary embodiments of
6 the present invention, a computer system includes a host computer, a disk drive
7 host interface and a disk drive having a disk storage medium with a first range of
8 disk drive host interface addressable locations. A disk drive access key is obtained
9 from an access key server, the access key being generated by the access key server
10 as a function of an identifying characteristic of the disk drive. A mailbox file is
11 created in the first range of addressable locations using the access key obtained
12 from the access key server. The disk drive is notified of a location of the mailbox
13 file in the first range of addressable locations such that the disk drive can perform
14 a function characterized by contents of the mailbox file.